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could have terminated the contract on 30 days notice to the other. It was really a marriage that was required by the requirements of service to the population of that area. And this is true of many other medical providers throughout the state. And to come in and adopt some type of arbitrary limitation would be a great detriment to not only the state and additional expense to the state, it would be a detriment to those doctors or dentists or nursing homes that have this moral responsibility to provide these services, and the state has the legal and moral responsibility to pay the cost of it. Now the whole contracting system of the state is complex and involves many different services, and I think that it's using an elephant gun, although I don't know what an elephant gun is, I've never seen one, but it looks to me like it's using an elephant gun to kill a gnat. Okay, Senator Tyson is going to educate me a little bit and I'll appreciate that. I understand it's a big rifle or something like that, and certainly oversized for shooting gnats or ants, but, anyhow, I guess it would work on elephants. But, nevertheless, this...this bill (sic) is an oversimplification. If we have any problems then we have to look into that and should be a matter for specific legislation and public hearings, and a matter for the Health Committee to look into, and it has...the Health and Human Services Committee has been concerned about contracting procedures with networks and regions and that type of thing. But this is too simplified to merit any serious consideration and I would urge you to not support this amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. If you sign a five-year contract, you take away your flexibility which is necessary when we are making the tremendous changes. If you think about 18,000 contracts, we have been signing a lot of contracts. We have been making a lot of changes in the state of Nebraska in the health care areas over the last few years. And if 6,000 of them, or a third, go beyond two years, then I don't think it would be that much of a difficulty to ask them to review those contracts every two years, because they are already signing these contracts. It doesn't affect any of those contracts that are already signed. There are for new contracts, and we're asking them to review.